MORTON GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE–JULY 2026

Summer Reading Program

June 1–July 31 • Birth to Grade 8

Register online between June 1–30 at **mgpl.org/summer** and get reading! Once you have registered, stop by the Youth Services desk to pick up your Summer Reading materials to get started. Check in with us in June and July to pick up rewards and be entered into grand prize drawings for more prizes. Find fun activities, a printable version of the reading log, and more at **mgpl.org/summer**.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors:

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Summer Reading Block Party

All Ages
Friday, June 5, 6–8 pm
Kick off the Summer Reading Program! Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy high-energy, 80s pop and rock hits performed by The Jolly Ringwalds on the Library's front lawn. Fill a bag for $5 at the Book Sale. Enjoy free shaved ice from Kona Ice, face painting, crafts, and more. Music starts at 6:30 pm. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held in the Baxter Auditorium.

Tie-Dye Your T!

All Ages
Tuesday, June 30, 5:30–7 pm
Saturday, July 11, 10 am–12 pm
Thursday, July 16, 10:30 am–12 pm
Monday, July 27, 5:30–7 pm
Thursday, August 6, 10:30 am–12 pm
Earn your Summer Reading shirt and bring it to the Library to tie-dye! Only official Summer Reading shirts will be tie-dyed. This program will be held on the Library's front lawn (weather permitting).

MGPL On the Go: Oriole Pool

All Ages
Saturday, June 27, 12–2 pm
MGPL cardholders get free entry to Morton Grove Park District's Oriole Pool. MGPL staff will be on site to register Morton Grove residents for Library cards and provide storytimes during safety breaks.

End of Summer Reading Party

All Ages
Sunday, August 2, 3:30–4:30 pm
Enjoy a cool treat, water play, and family-friendly fun on the Library's front lawn, weather permitting. Wear your Summer Reading Program shirt. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Adult and Teen Summer Reading Program on page 7.

Storytimes and More . . .

Monday Morning Playgroup

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 9:30–11 am
Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

Summer Storytime

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am or 11:15 am–12 pm
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this fun family storytime.

Let's Potty! Storytime

Ages 2-4 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, June 3, 10–10:45 am
Enjoy stories, songs, and other fun activities all focused on being a big kid who uses the bathroom, gets new underwear, and no longer uses diapers! **R**

Bedtime Stories & More

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, June 8 and July 6, 6:30–7 pm
Wednesdays, June 24 and July 15, 6:30–7 pm
Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

stories in the park

Family
Wednesdays, June 10–July 29, 10–10:30 am
Each Wednesday we'll host a storytime at a different Morton Grove Park District park. Check our online calendar for specific locations (weather permitting).

After storytime on July 15, The Early Childhood Alliance will host a special party featuring fun activities, treats, and information about early childhood (birth to five).

Pride Storytime

Family
Thursday, June 11, 10–10:30 am
Join us for a Pride Month storytime featuring books and songs that celebrate everyone. This event is offered as part of the Morton Grove Has Pride initiative. Learn more at mortongrovepride.org **R**

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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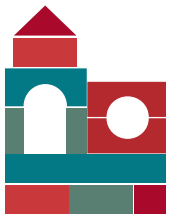
REGISTRATION begins May 15 for June events and June 15 for July events unless otherwise noted.

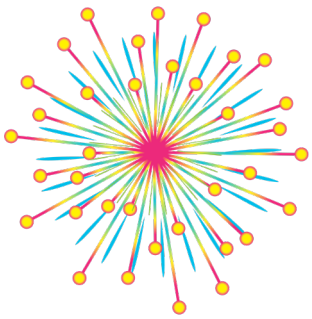
Water Babies Play Time
Ages 0–24 Months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 9:30–11:00 am (no class June 5)
Bring your baby for splashy come-and-go play. In case of bad weather, this event will be held in the Youth Services Activity Room. Older siblings welcome.

Ready, Set, Alphabet
Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, June 18, 10–10:45 am
Drop in and build early literacy skills with alphabet activities. Be prepared to get messy!

Block Party

Ages 1–5 with a parent/caregiver
Tuesday, June 23, 6–7 pm
Head to the Library for an evening of play with all different sizes and types of blocks!

Mini Music Makers
Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, June 25 and July 23, 10–10:45 am
Feel the rhythm; hear the rhyme. It's Mini Music Maker time! **R**

Family Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturdays, June 27 and July 25, 10–10:45 am
Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with books, songs, and fun.

Firework Storytime

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, July 2, 10–10:45 am
Kick off the holiday weekend with a bang at this storytime filled with stories, songs, and wiggle-busting moves all about fireworks! Siblings welcome. **R**

Make & Take Playgroup
Ages 1–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, July 9, 10–11 am
While your child is playing with our toys, you create a "busy bag". Each bag contains an age-appropriate activity for your toddler or preschooler to play with on the go (while supplies last). This session's activity: Craft Stick Shape Puzzles.

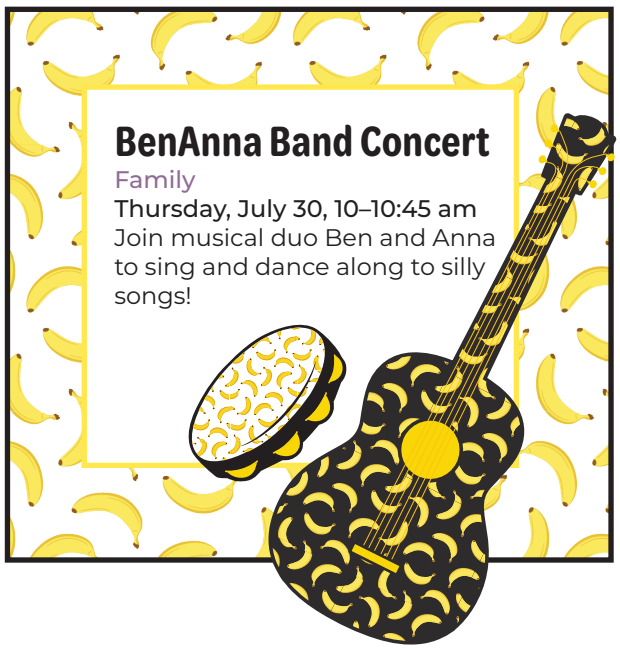
Stuffed Animal Campout
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, July 13, 6:30–7:30 pm
Join us for a night out with your favorite stuffie! We'll sing songs, tell stories around our imaginary campfire, and make a special craft for our fluffy friends. **R**

Forest Adventure: Stories, Explore, and More!

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, July 16, 10–10:45 am
Listen to stories and take a short hike through the forest to observe and explore the things we read about. Outdoor clothing, a blanket or towel to sit on, water bottles, sunscreen, and bug spray are recommended. This program takes place at Linne Woods, 6251 Dempster Street, Morton Grove. Meet at the end of the parking lot.

Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage
Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, July 18, 10–11 am
Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor, Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. **R**

Puppet Craft Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Sunday, July 19, 2–2:45 am
A special puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll each make a simple puppet craft and then use them to act out our stories and songs. **R**


BenAnna Band Concert
Family
Thursday, July 30, 10–10:45 am
Join musical duo Ben and Anna to sing and dance along to silly songs!

KIDS

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Take & Make Pride Craft

All Ages
June 1–30
Pick up a rainbow star wand craft kit to make at home while supplies last. This craft is offered as part of the Morton Grove Has Pride initiative. Learn more at mortongrovepride.org.

Read to a Rainbow Dog

Grades 1–5
Tuesdays, June 9 and July 14, 6:30–7:30 pm
Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. Participants should be able to read independently for their full 15-minute session. To register, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220 x2. **R**

Rainbow Pride Chainmail

Grades 5–8
Wednesday, June 10, 3–4 pm
Create a colorful Pride Month chainmail bracelet. This event is offered as part of the Morton Grove Has Pride initiative. Learn more at mortongrovepride.org. **R**

Crafty Saturday

All Ages
Saturdays, June 13 and July 11, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Use supplies provided to get creative and make a seasonal craft.

Crafternoon

Grades K–8
Monday, June 15 and Friday, July 10, 3:30–4:30 pm
Drop in for an afternoon of open-ended crafting with a wide variety of materials.

Jr. Nature Explorers

Grades 1–3
Tuesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

Nature Explorers

Grades 4–6
Tuesdays, 3–4 pm

June 16: Botanical Art
July 7: Math in Nature
July 28: Rocks & Minerals
Explore different topics about the natural world at the Library. **R**

Drop-in Rainbow Crafts

All Ages
Wednesday, June 17, 3:30–4:30 pm
Drop in for some rainbow-themed crafting fun. This event is offered as part of the Morton Grove Has Pride initiative. Learn more at mortongrovepride.org.

Family Engineering Night on the Lawn

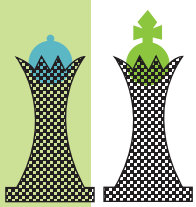
All Ages
Wednesdays, 7–8 pm
June 17: Water-powered Cars
July 29: Big Cardboard Build
This summer, we're turning STEM ideas into engineering projects on the Library lawn! Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. **R**

STEAM STOPS

All Ages
Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 pm
June 11: Cardboard Mechanisms
June 25: Levitation Stations
July 9: Packing Peanut Architecture
July 23: Chair Marble Runs
Stop by the Activity Room for hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, art, or math. You may join in at any time during the session. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up.

Chess Academy

Grades 1–8
Thursdays, June 18 and July 16
7–8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.



Crosstown Exotics Animal Show

All Ages

Friday, June 19, 2–3 pm

This traveling zoo full of bugs and reptiles offers kids a hands-on education about these exotic and often misunderstood creatures. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Crafting

All Ages

Monday, June 22, 6:30–7:30 pm: Plants
Friday, July 24, 3:30–4:30 pm: Dinosaurs
Drop in with the whole family to make fun crafts. Projects are intended for ages 3-10, though younger children with a grown-up and older children are welcome to participate.

Pushpin Art

Grades K-8

Tuesday, June 23, 3:30–4:30 pm
Create amazing art using only pushpins and paper, then hold it up to the light for a dazzling effect. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Button-Making Fun

All Ages

Wednesday, June 24 and Tuesday, July 14, 3:30–4:30 pm
Stop by the Activity Room anytime during the hour to design and create your own button, keychain, or magnet to take home with you! Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Fridays, June 26 and July 31
Grades 3–5: **2:30–3:30 pm**
Grades 6–8: **3:30–4:30 pm**
Drop in to play Nintendo Switch games with your friends at the Library!

Pop-in Project: Fairy Gardens

Grades 1–8

Sunday, June 28, 2–3 pm
Drop in and get creative building your own fairy garden while supplies last. Limit one garden per person, materials limited to those in attendance.

Mess-terpiece Monday

Grades K–8 with a parent/caregiver

Mondays, 6:30–7:30 pm
June 29: Hammered Chalk Painting
July 20: Fruit & Vegetable Painting
Come dressed for mess to this outdoor family art program on the Library's front lawn (weather permitting). Each session features a different paint-based process to try. Please register once per family/group. **R**

LitLoot Middle School

Grades 6–8

July 1–15

LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to July's box, register between July 1 and 15. We'll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. **R**

Book Page Crafting

Grades 5–8

Wednesday, July 1, 4–5 pm
Upcycle pages of old books into paper flowers, bookish banners, and more. **R**

LEGO Builders

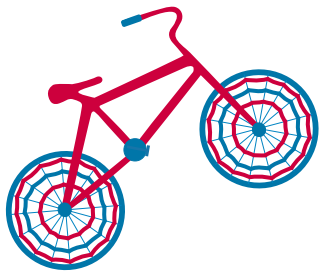
Grades 1–8

Thursday, July 2, 6:30–7:30 pm
Build something amazing with the Library's massive LEGO collection! Start with one of our monthly challenges then let your imagination guide you in a free build.

Red, White, and Bicycle (with Sponge Ball Catapult!)

All Ages

Friday, July 3, 4:30–5:30 pm
Drop by to decorate your bike in red, white, and blue. Then launch sponge balls on our catapult. This event will be held outdoors by the bicycle rack (weather permitting). Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.



StoryWalk in the Woods

This summer, visit our StoryWalk® at Linne Woods Forest Preserve. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs along the trail. Take a stroll and enjoy the book at your own pace.

June: *What's New, Daniel?* by Micha Archer
July: *Ancient Night* by David Bowles

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and Kellogg Hubbard Library.

KIDS

Mini Masterpieces
Grades 1–5
Wednesday, July 15, 3–4 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Alexander Calder. **R**

Reader's Theatre: *The Day the Crayons Quit*
Grades 3–6
Tuesday, July 21, 6:30–8 pm
Reader's Theatre is a dramatic reading of a story where each participant reads and performs a differnt part. At the end of the session, we will invite family and friends to watch our short performance. This session's book is *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. **R**

Technology on the Farm
All Ages
Wednesday, July 22, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join the Cook County Farm Bureau for a story, snack, craft, and hands-on STEM activity about agricultural technology on the farm. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. **R**

Dungeons & Dragons
Grades 5–8
Saturday, July 25, 2–4 pm
Have you ever dreamed of fighting monsters or casting spells? Immerse yourself in the magical world of Dungeons & Dragons in this one-shot session. Snacks are provided. All experience levels are welcome. **R**

STEMonade Stand
Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and updates on biweekly projects, visit **mgpl.org/stemonade**. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

TEENS

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LitLoot
Grades 9–12
June 1–16
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to June's box at **mgpl.org/events**. We'll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. **R**

We challenge you to read 100 books before graduating high school and win big along the way! Participants will receive raffle prizes and rewards for various book milestones. To sign up and learn more visit **mgpl.org/100books**.

SUMMER READING
T-SHIRT BLEACHING

ADULTS

Summer Reading Program

June 1–July 31

Complete a log in-person or online at **mgpl.org/summer** starting June 1 and tell us about:

- Books you read
- Movies and shows you watch
- Music you listen to
- Video games you play
- Library programs you participate in

Complete and submit your first log to be entered into the prize drawings and get a Summer Reading t-shirt while supplies last.

Prizes:
Complete and submit additional logs for a chance to win weekly drawings for Summer Reading hats and the grand prize drawings on July 1 and August 1.

Grand Prizes

Teens: Grades 9–12
July: Morton Grove Park District Swim Pack
August: Savory Crust Gift Card and Cafe 44 Gift Card

Thanks to Morton Grove Park District, Savory Crust and Cafe 44 for their donations.

Adults
July: Tandoori Albadia and HomeGoods Gift Cards
August: Themed Prize Basket

Summer Reading T-Shirt Bleaching

Saturday, July 11, 12:30–1:30 pm
Thursday, July 16, 12:30–1:30 pm
Monday, July 27, 7:30–8:30 pm
Spruce up your summer reading t-shirt with tie dye bleach! (weather permitting).

Senior Activity Kits

Stay busy and keep your brain active with creative activities and informational materials for seniors. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Adult ESL Activity Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Literacy Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of *Easy English News* newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Tiny Art Show

Join us for our 5th annual Tiny Art Show. Kits containing a 4" by 4" canvas, acrylic paint, and brushes will be available at the Info Desk starting July 1 while supplies last. Return your artwork to the Info Desk by August 1 to be displayed in the Library until the end of August.

Social Seniors

Join us for a variety of fun activities. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. **R**

Bingo

Wednesdays, June 3 and July 1
10–11 am
Socialize as you play. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays, 10–11 am
June 10: Beaded Forever Plant
July 8: Pipe Cleaner Flowers
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Trivia

Wednesdays, 10–11 am
June 17: Science Trivia
July 15: U.S. History
Test your knowledge of iconic moments in history and pop culture.

Wits Workout

Wednesdays, June 24 and July 22, 10–11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive event.

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Job Fair Secrets: Friendly & Informative Coaching
Monday, June 1, 10–11:30 am
Maximize your job opportunities with this interactive workshop led by Don Nosbaum of Business and Career Services, Inc. Learn how to network with employers, make a strong impression, and follow up like a pro. **R**

Effective Communication for Caregivers of People Living with Dementia
Thursday, June 4, 2–3 pm
Cynthia Phon, LCSW from North Shore Senior Center, will discuss the stages of dementia, share communication tips, and offer helpful resources to support caregivers on their journey. **R**

ESL Games and Gab (Conversation)
Fridays, June 5 and July 3, 10–11 am
Practice your English conversation skills while playing games. **R**

Game of Shrooms Art-n-Seek

Game of Shrooms is a once-a-year, world-wide event created by the artist Attaboy. On June 13, participants around the world will hide their mushroom-themed art for seekers to find. On the day of the event, clues to locations will be pinned on a map on the Game of Shrooms website, yumfactory.com/projects/gameofshrooms. We are excited to participate this year with patron-created art.

Game of Shrooms: Creation Day
Saturday, June 6
10 am–2 pm

Drop in and decorate a mushroom-themed piece of art. You can then choose to hide it on your own or leave with us to hide in on the event day.

Radio Players West: Happy Birthday, America - Radio Style!
Sunday, June 7, 2–3 pm

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, Radio Players West will present live radio-style performances of three programs: Cavalcade of America, *Declaration of Independence*; Fibber McGee and Molly, *Scrap Drive*; and Stan Freberg, *Signing of the Declaration*. **R**

Evening Craft for Adults and Teens
Tuesdays, 6–7:30 pm
June 9: Beaded Forever Plant
July 7: Pipe Cleaner Flowers
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project. **R**

Cardio Drumming
Thursday, June 11, 3–4 pm
Get moving with a fun drumstick workout led by Mary Commodore of Get Fit Nutrition. **R**

Inside the Obama Presidential Center (Online)
Thursday, June 11, 7–8 pm
Join us for a special virtual presentation exploring the Obama Presidential Center campus. Learn about the new Chicago Public Library branch located on the campus, which is the nation's first fully digital presidential library. Presented in partnership with the Algonquin Area Public Library District. **R**

Healthy Living

Chair Yoga
Fridays, June 12 and July 10
9:30–10:30 am (In Person)
Led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee.

Fridays, June 26 and July 24
9:30–10:30 am (Online)
Led by certified yoga instructor Susan Wilkens.

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga, available online or in person. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a steady chair without arms (if possible). **R**

Crafting For Charity
Saturdays, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, 9:30–11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. We are currently accepting yarn donations that are acrylic or cotton. We do not accept wool. **R**

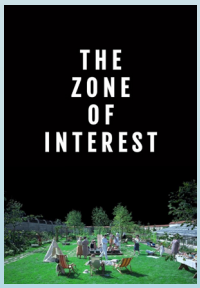
Edible Wild Mushrooms: The Fool-Proof Four
Sunday, June 14, 2–3 pm

Certified wild mushroom expert Hunter Le Duc will teach participants to recognize four wild mushrooms and a handful more that can be found locally and turned into succulent and nutritious meals. **R**

MOVIES AND MORE . . .

INDIE MOVIE NIGHT

Zone of Interest
Wednesday, June 3, 6–7:45 pm
The commandant of Auschwitz, Rudolf Höss and his wife strive to build a dream life for their family in a house and garden next to the camp. (2023, PG-13, 1 hr 45 min)



Ramen Shop
Wednesday, July 1, 6–7:30 pm
Masato, a young Ramen chef, leaves his hometown in Japan to embark on a culinary journey to Singapore to find the truth about his past. He uncovers a lot more than family secrets and delicious recipes. (2018, NR, 1 hr 30 min)

mgpl after dark

Mamma Mia! Sing-Along
Friday, June 12, 7–8:45 pm
Bring your inner dancing queen to our Mamma Mia! movie sing-along featuring songs from ABBA. Popcorn will be provided. (2008, PG-13, 1 hr 49 min). This event is offered as part of the Morton Grove Has Pride initiative. Learn more at mortongrovepride.org.

Plant Bingo
Friday, July 10, 6:30–7:30 pm
Join us for this after-hours event where plant lovers come to play Bingo, learn fun plant facts, and win prizes!

TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

Hamnet
Tuesday, June 2
10 am–12 pm

Ella McCay
Tuesday, June 9
10 am–12 pm

A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps
Tuesday, June 16
10–11:45 am

Rental Family
Tuesday, June 23
10–11:45 am

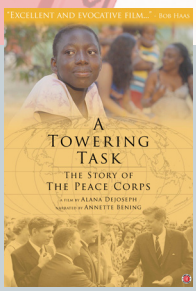
In the Good Old Summertime
Tuesday, June 30
10–11:45 am

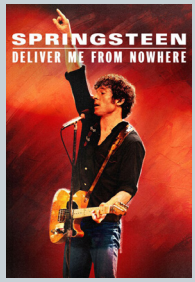
Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere
Tuesday, July 7
10 am–12 pm

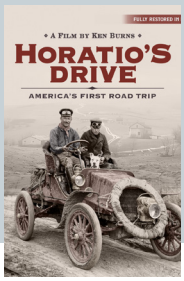
13 Going on 30
Tuesday, July 14
10–11:30 am

Horatio's Drive: First Road Trip Across America
Tuesday, July 21
10–11:45 am

Oklahoma!
Tuesday, July 28
10 am–12:30 pm







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Nature Wellness Walk at Linne Woods
Thursday, June 25, 2–3:30 pm
Experience mindful walking and other restorative practices in a beautiful natural setting. Hosted by Leilah Siegel and Sophia Ottomanelli, Community Health Educators for Cook County. Find directions and meetup instructions at **mgpl.org/events**. Weather permitting **R**

Versiti Blood Drive Event
Saturday, July 11, 9 am–1 pm
Donate blood on Versiti's mobile bus located in the Library's parking lot. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Expect your appointment to take between 45 minutes to an hour. Donors must be at least 17 (16 with signed parental consent form) and must weigh at least 110 pounds. Eat well and drink plenty of water before you arrive and bring a photo ID with you. **R**

W.F.K. Travers' Lincoln Portrait (Online)
Wednesday, July 15, 7–8 pm
Experience a virtual presentation on the remarkable nine-foot portrait of Abraham Lincoln, celebrated as one of the most lifelike depictions of him. Explore the painting's journey from prominent early exhibitions to its current loan at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. This program is presented in partnership with the Cary Area Public Library. **R**

Sew a Tote Bag
Sunday, July 19, 1:30–4 pm
Sewing expert Mike Hall will teach the basic sewing machine stitches used to construct a tote bag. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided. Prior sewing machine experience is required. **R**

Exploring Spices (Online)
Spice: Saltillo Sazón Seasoning Spice
Sunday, July 26, 2–3 pm
(pickup starts July 1)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful bi-monthly event. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish of your choice. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. **R**

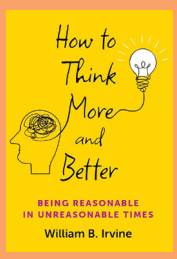
Understanding Reverse Mortgages (Online)
Thursday, July 23, 2–3 pm
Learn about HECM eligibility requirements including detailed information on fees and other costs. Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois. **R**

Wooden Mushroom Decoupage
Saturday, July 25, 2–3:30 pm
Create a cute mushroom décor piece that adds a nature-inspired touch to your home. **R**

Civic Engagement Book Picks

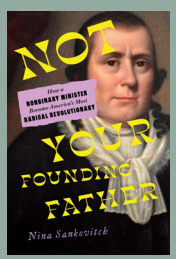
Visit **mgpl.org/civics** for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics. Not sure where to begin? We have selected a few titles to help you get started.

Fake News



How to Think More and Better
by William Braxton Irvine

Gender

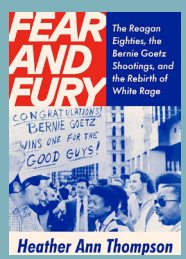


Not Your Founding Father
by Nina Sankovitch

LGBTQ

Sheer
by Vanessa Lawrence

Antiracism


FEAR AND FURY
The Reagan Eighties, the Bernie Goetz Shootings, and the Rebirth of White Rage
CONGRATULATIONS! BERNIE GOETZ WINS ONE FOR THE GOOD GUYS!
Heather Ann Thompson

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Farm to Table Appetizers
Tuesday, July 28, 7–8 pm

Chef Cherise Slattery will showcase easy garden-fresh appetizers made with seasonal ingredients like zucchini, cucumbers, and berries. Attendees will enjoy simple recipes that are fresh and flavorful. **R**

ADAPT program with Legal Aid Chicago
Wednesday, July 29, 10–11 am

Join Legal Aid Chicago for an informative presentation on their ADAPT Program (Advance Directives and Property Transfers). Topics will include powers of attorney for healthcare and property, transfer-on-death instruments, and living wills. Legal Aid Chicago does not assist with full wills and trusts. **R**

Computers and Technology

Google Photos App for Beginners
Monday, June 8, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to use the Google Photos application and create photo albums. Participants will need to bring their smart phone and have a valid Google account. **R**

Apple Photos App for Beginners
Friday, June 26, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to use the Photos application on your iPhone and create photo albums. Participants will need to bring their iPhone. **R**

Android Phones for Beginners
Monday, July 13, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to manage settings, discover hidden features, and more on your Android phone. Bring your Android device and login information. **R**

Digital Explorer: Self-paced Tech Learning
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30–8 pm

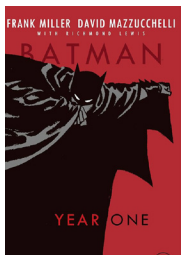
Check out Northstar Digital Literacy, an online learning platform designed to build your technology skills. Work through self-paced exercises and video tutorials. Support staff will be available throughout the program. **R**

iPhone for Beginners
Friday, July 17, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to manage settings, discover hidden features, and more on your iPhone. Bring your Apple device and login information. **R**

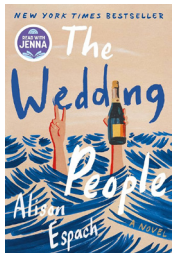
Book Discussion Groups

Readpool: Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group (Online)

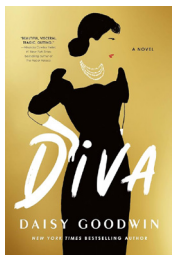


Batman: Year One
by Frank Miller
Monday, June 29, 7–8 pm **R**

Between the Lines



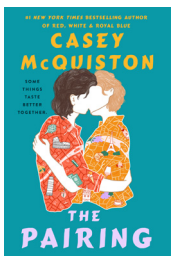
The Wedding People
by Alison Espach
Thursday, June 18
10–11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, June 23
7–8 pm (Online)



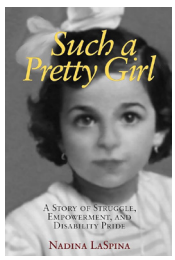
Diva
by Daisy Goodwin
Thursday, July 16
10–11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, July 21
7–8 pm (Online)

Between the Lines is held on two different days, either in person or on Zoom. New members are always welcome! **R**

LitLounge



The Pairing
by Casey McQuiston
Wednesday, June 10
7:30–9 pm



Such a Pretty Girl
by Nadia LaSpina
Wednesday, July 8
7:00–8:30 pm - New Time!

Meets monthly at the Skokie Public Library Cosmos Room.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

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Library News

On behalf of the Board of Library Trustees, I am thrilled to announce our new Executive Director of the Morton Grove Public Library is none other than Jeffrey Ray. After an extensive search and review process, we extended an offer to Jeff in February. Jeff officially began his term on April 13, 2026.

Jeff should be a familiar face to our Library patrons, as he has called Morton Grove Public Library home since 2014. Jeff started his tenure at MGPL as our Circulation Services Manager and most recently served in a combined role managing both the Circulation and Technical Services Department.

"Since arriving in Morton Grove over a decade ago, I have loved the small town feel and togetherness of this diverse community." - Jeff Ray

Jeff has been an advocate for services that directly benefit our community. Jeff campaigned to eliminate overdue fines and for automatic renewals, making the checkout process more user-friendly for our patrons. Under Jeff's leadership, we had an extremely successful launch of Passport Acceptance Services and License Plate Renewal Services currently offered at MGPL. Jeff has brought a strong focus on what he can do to directly impact our patrons in a positive way.

Jeff's passion for libraries started when he was a shelver in high school. His career in libraries now spans 25 years. Jeff's roots are in the library, and we know that he is dedicated to making Morton Grove Public Library continue to be a place we all feel proud to walk through. As we gear up for our busy summer season, we feel the excitement of fresh ideas and Jeff's unwavering dedication to our beloved Library.

"I am proud to serve this community. I am deeply invested in the Library's mission and am excited for the opportunity to help guide MGPL into its next chapter." - Jeff Ray

Please join me in welcoming Jeff into his new role. Be sure to stop in and congratulate Jeff next time you visit the Morton Grove Public Library. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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President, Board of Trustees